



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : CARLIN et al. Confirmation No: 7758  
Appl. No. : 09/700,712  
Filed : November 13, 2001  
Title : METHOD OF PRODUCING THY A-STRAINS OF VIBRIO CHOLERAES, SUCH AS STRAINS AND THEIR USE  
  
TC/A.U. : 1645  
Examiner : S. J. N. Devi  
  
Docket No.: : CARL3004/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of July 1, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to the Official Action has been extended to expire on January 1, 2006, by the filing herewith of a petition for a three (3) month extension of time and payment of the required fee. A Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) is concurrently filed herewith. This amendment is the required submission for the RCE.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.